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For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF A VIRAL VECTOR BY INTERMOLECULAR HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION	) ) )

## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on October 2, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows: